



**All My Brothers and Sisters
June 4 & 5, 2022**

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How Do I Know I'm at the Right Church?

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2 Do the people here sacrifice to take care of each other, no matter their social status?

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3 Is there a habit of generosity here that impacts the community?

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4 Are people being added because they are accepting the gospel here?

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5 Is there a culture here of gratitude for what God has done?

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The more important question: What am I doing personally to bring these 5 priorities to where I serve, to my small group, and to my family?

I Start to Look Like My Big Brothers and Sisters when I:

1 Commit myself to the growth of others, one person at a time. (Barnabas)

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After some time Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing." Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark. But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work. Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him and sailed for Cyprus.

Who needs me not to quit on them right now?

2 Earn the right to be trusted with big responsibilities. (Phoebe)

Romans 16:1-2 (NLT)

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a deacon in the church in Cenchrea. Welcome her in the Lord as one who is worthy of honor among God's people. Help her in whatever she needs, for she has been helpful to many, and especially to me.

In what area of my life is God calling me to hidden faithfulness?

Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

3**Take Jesus at his word, even when it makes others uncomfortable. (Mary)****Luke 10:38-42 (NLT)**

As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

Whose disapproval is keeping me from taking Jesus seriously?**4****Pour out my life for people who will never be able to pay me back. (Epaphroditus and The Gamblers)****Philippians 2:25-27, 29-30 (ESV)**

I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. Indeed he was ill, near to death... So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Who is God calling me to pour out my life for?



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